



William Carter Totten

December 4, 1942 - March 24, 2017

William Carter (W.C.) Totten went home to be with the Lord on March 24, 2017, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born December 4, 1942 at Delbarton, WV. He was the son of the late Frank and Alada (Chaffin) Totten. He was also preceded in death by his beloved wife of 48 years, Janet (LeMaster) Totten, his parents, grandparents, and four brothers. James Pat Totten, Frank Totten, Jr., Elijah & Ezekiel Totten, and three sisters, Rosalee Simpkins, Lahoma Curry, and Sheila Slone. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Kay (Phillip Bailey) Beavers, a grand-daughter, Hailey Webber and a grandson, Matthew Beavers. He is also survived by three brothers: Charles Totten of Newport News, Virginia, Albert (Betty) Totten of Delbarton, and Clinton (Betty) Totten of Crum, and one sister: Tammy Chambers of Delbarton. He is leaving behind a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins which he loved dearly. W.C. loved his family, God, and community very much. He was a long time member of Connolly Memorial Baptist Church, where he served as song leader, Deacon, & Trustee. His church family played a very important role in his life. W.C. and his wife always had a special gift in the ministry of hospitality. They were always looking after those who needed a helping hand.

Following in his father's footsteps, he dedicated his life to public education. He worked for the Mingo County Board of Education for 42 years. He served our community as a band director, teacher, principal, and worked in Central Office. Much of his time was dedicated to serving as principal at Burch High School,

Kermit High School, and he was the first principal at Tug Valley High School. He and his wife Janet were avid members of the National Beta Club, attending national convention yearly. As educators, they devoted much of their time and energy to the young people of our community.

W.C. stayed busy, working tirelessly to improve the community he loved, Delbarton. His many contributions included Assistant Fire Chief for more than two decades, an active Kiwanis Club member for over fifty years, and he served twenty-one years as a part of the Delbarton Homecoming Committee. He also served as Recorder for the Town of Delbarton. W.C. was also very active with the Gideons.

Visitation will be held at Connolly Memorial Baptist Church from 6-9 pm, on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Funeral services will be conducted at the church beginning at 1:00 on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Pastor Danny Mitchell will be officiating. Interment will follow at the Mountain View Memorial Gardens at Maher, WV. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Online condolences can be made at ChafinFuneralHome.Com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Connolly Memorial Baptist Church
Delbarton, WV

Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Connolly Memorial Baptist Church
Delbarton, WV

Burial

MAR 29 (ET)

Mt. View Memory Gardens
Maher, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *William Carter Totten*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

JM

This man taught me music. That's a gift that I will never forget. He was the kindest man I ever knew growing up in the hellscape of Mingo County, WV as a gay man. ☐ He and his wife Janet always encouraged and inspired me as a middle schooler and early HS student. I have the very best of memories for him and his wife.

Jim (Corky) Mccoy - June 24, 2024 at 06:34 PM

IM

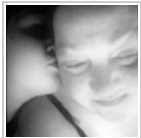
“ *To family candle in light of god for mr totten.*

iCloud Mose - April 04, 2017 at 04:04 AM

IM

“ *I'm sure community will miss him mr Totten was a really nice guy... always seemed to be right there for anyone.. he will be missed*

iCloud Mose - April 04, 2017 at 04:02 AM



“ *Mitzi Gillman lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Mitzi Gillman - March 28, 2017 at 03:56 PM

JH

“ I am so sad to hear that Mr. Totten has passed. Many of my school memories include him since he was my band director starting in 5th grade. I was able to talk to him a few years ago and tell him how important he was to me and all his band students. His strong Christian faith was evident in his life and all who knew him were blessed. I am very sorry for his family.

Joyce Hopson - March 27, 2017 at 11:51 PM



“ Homer Mullins lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Homer Mullins - March 27, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ Kim Hodge lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Kim Hodge - March 27, 2017 at 02:01 AM



“ William Thomas lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



William Thomas - March 27, 2017 at 01:30 AM



I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Totten as principal of Tug Valley High School where I attended and graduated in 1989. He always greeted everyone with a smile and never stopped encouraging each one of us to do our best. My prayers go out to his family.

William Thomas - March 27, 2017 at 01:51 AM

BD

“ *Bonnie Poffenbarger Davis lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



bonnie poffenbarger davis - March 26, 2017 at 04:45 PM

JF

“ *Prayers for all the family. Always enjoyed talking with WC. May God bless and comfort his family.*

Jane Hatfield Fields

jane fields - March 26, 2017 at 11:47 AM

CS

“ I had the privilege of serving with W.C. on the Board of Directors of The National Beta Club. As we were seated next to each other in many meetings, I learned that W.C. was a strong Christian, a true gentleman and an outstanding educator. His common sense, amazing humor and knowledge were inspirational. He often shared stories with me about his loving family, his dedication to the schools he worked in and the community he served. Always with that wonderful smile. W.C. lived out the National Beta Club motto of leading by serving others. My sincere sympathy to his family and the community he loved so deeply.

Clarke C. Scott,
Virginia Representative, Board of Directors
The National Beta Club

Clarke Scott - March 26, 2017 at 07:23 AM

ER

“ Emma Runyon lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Emma Runyon - March 26, 2017 at 06:20 AM

AD

“ Andy & Hazel Dillon lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Andy & Hazel Dillon - March 26, 2017 at 12:11 AM

MC

“ Truly a man of God ! I was blessed to attend church with him and his wife for around 8 years . I am blessed to have met him . He was always friendly each time I met him no matter where we saw each other he was the same cordial person . Prayers for his family .

mark duane curry - March 25, 2017 at 11:55 PM

NP

“ MR totten I just couldnt call him WC cause he was my band teacher and music and mrs totten they both were wonderful loving people we would talk at the homcoming I love talking to Mr Totten about how I never forget him he was hard when he had to be in school but you know how kids are he will be miss go rest high on that mountain mr totten you will never be forgotten cause you taught everybody god comfort the family in this time of need



Nancy Pilkins - March 25, 2017 at 09:12 PM

GS

“ I graduated with W.C. and had a special bond with him and Janet as we were growing up. God bless all of you and keep you close to him.

Glenita (Christian) snodgrass

Glenita Christian Snodgrass - March 25, 2017 at 07:54 PM

RS

“ Ricky Sheppard lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Ricky Sheppard - March 25, 2017 at 07:43 PM

MC

I was blessed to know him from church and always saw him at Dairy Queen . Truly a man of God !

mark duane curry - March 25, 2017 at 11:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Carter Totten.*



March 25, 2017 at 07:21 PM

KB

“ *In 2014, the last time I was able to visit home, I was privileged to be able to see W. C. and Janet. That was the first time I'd seen them since 1979, and it was as if none of that time had passed.*

I loved them both and they loved everyone. I, as many, was in many classes taught by W. C. and Janet, while at Burch. Their love for their students was one thing that made a lasting impression on me, and yes, they could be strict when it was called for, which is as it should be.

God's grace and mercy be with the family of W. C. in this time of bereavement. I'm so glad I got to see him again. He will be missed.

Kevin B.

Kevin Bannister - March 25, 2017 at 07:18 PM

MS

I went to school with WC and we were neighbors and friends in fact I went to my first dance with WC . He was a very good man and condolences to all his family and friends .

mary lou (hunt) seabaugh - March 25, 2017 at 08:22 PM

RC

“ *Ruth Crigger lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Ruth Crigger - March 25, 2017 at 07:12 PM

RC

“ *W.C. was my best friend at Burch High School. We have been friends for about fifty years. My husband and I used to eat lunch with him and Albert at Captain D's. I have been going to the Burch High School reunion and we would sit with him in the kitchen. I used to take him apple and peach pies (fried). He loved them. I will really miss him. Life will not be the same without him. He has been a blessing to me. They visited me in Florida and he did some handy work for me. I believe he is at rest where he will not have to suffer any more with his health problems. Rest in peace my friend until we meet again. I love you. Ruth (Hensley) Crigger*

Ruth Crigger - March 25, 2017 at 07:10 PM

JO

“ *Jerri Ogilvie lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Jerri Ogilvie - March 25, 2017 at 06:23 PM

BB

“ WC will be remembered for his years of service as a gentleman who exemplified the motto of the National Beta Club, "Let us lead by serving others." WC will forever have a lasting impact on students in West Virginia as well as throughout the nation as a member of the National Beta Board of Directors. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Bob Bright

Bob Bright - March 25, 2017 at 06:11 PM

TT

“ *Thurman & Malinda Tolliver lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Thurman & Malinda Tolliver - March 25, 2017 at 04:35 PM

TC

“ *Tony & Drema Workman Colangelo lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Tony & Drema Workman Colangelo - March 25, 2017 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ Robin Hatcher Stacy lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



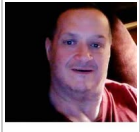
Robin Hatcher Stacy - March 25, 2017 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ Ron Hatcher Stacy lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Ron Hatcher Stacy - March 25, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ W.C. and Janet were my forever friends. They have just crossed death's river to wait with all our friends in that lovely land called Forever where there is no sorrows, no cross words, and not even one tear in all that wonderful place. Best of all they are in the presences of Our Blessed Lord and Savior, The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost where they can join the saints to worship always. Please know that I am so sorry for your loss but it is truly Heaven's gain, and while I am offering my deepest sympathies and condolences, I am encouraging each of you to celebrate the fact that he lived rather than to mourn that he died.

Dow Ooten - March 25, 2017 at 03:50 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Marshall lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Barbara Marshall - March 25, 2017 at 03:16 PM

MB

“ *Malena Browning lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Malena Browning - March 25, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Ernie Chambers lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Ernie Chambers - March 25, 2017 at 03:05 PM

RM

“ *WC led a very dedicated life to the Lord. As weak as his body had become he would always be in church when the doors were open and never failed to wear a smile. It was an honor to know him for the past 8 years. He will be missed by many.*

Rita Mitchell - March 25, 2017 at 02:49 PM

KD

“ Kimberly Davi-Smith lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Kimberly Davi-Smith - March 25, 2017 at 02:42 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Totten's passing. I've known him all my life, He was my first principal at Burch High School. He taught me so much about classroom management. He kept the history of Delbarton and he loved working with children. He was an integral part of our community. My heartfelt condolences are with the family. I will pray for all. Teresa Melaine Hall



Teresa Melaine Hall - March 25, 2017 at 02:35 PM

JM

“ Great man who will be dearly missed.

Justin Marcum - March 25, 2017 at 02:30 PM

IA

“ Inis Adair lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten



Inis Adair - March 25, 2017 at 02:02 PM

GR

“ *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

So it was with WC, and so it is with him now!

Gllen Rutledge - March 25, 2017 at 01:57 PM

SR

Love the truth dad. Not only does he have everlasting life now but abundant life. Thank you Lord for those promises, and thank you for W.C., and what he meant to our small community.

Skip Rutledge

Skip Rutledge - March 29, 2017 at 09:04 AM

RC

“ *Richard Curry lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Richard Curry - March 25, 2017 at 01:20 PM

ST

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with his many friends & family. He will be a great loss to the community!*

Sheila Trippett - March 25, 2017 at 01:08 PM

JE

“ *Love you WC miss you but happy your happy to day*

jeannie - March 25, 2017 at 12:51 PM

DM

“ *Dottie Maynard lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



dottie maynard - March 25, 2017 at 12:36 PM

DM

this world lost a great man he always had a smile and kind word for everone RIP your work on earth is done enjoy the splendors of heaven

dottie maynard - March 25, 2017 at 12:41 PM

IA

Prayers going up for everyone for peace,comfort and strength.WC sure will be missed by so many.

Inis Adair - March 25, 2017 at 02:01 PM

PW

“ *WC had always treated me like one of his own. He was such an inspiration to me to keep fighting thru everything. Such a dedicated Christian, a prime example of how we all should be. You will be missed my friend*

Pam Warden - March 25, 2017 at 12:13 PM

JC

“ *Jack/Missy Copley lit a candle in memory of William Carter Totten*



Jack/Missy Copley - March 25, 2017 at 12:10 PM